

Notice to Prospective Offerors
Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant
Decontamination and Decommissioning Project Request for Proposals
Solicitation Number: DE-RP30-09CC40017

The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) released the Request for Proposals (RFP) No. DE-RP30-09CC40017 for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (GDP) Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) Project on June 24, 2009. The RFP emphasized accelerated completion of the Portsmouth GDP D&D cleanup within a funding profile assumption of \$2.5 - \$3.2 billion dollars over a 10-year period of performance (five-year base plus one five-year option). To support timely award, DOE requested a staggered submittal of proposal sections, whereby the first sections were due August 24, 2009, and the residual sections due September 22, 2009. By this Notice, offerors are advised not to submit any proposal information on these dates (other than information that may have been submitted by the offerors' past performance references, which will be retained, but is no longer due August 24, 2009). An amendment will be forthcoming formalizing this change.

At a time when the nation is experiencing significant economic distress and job loss, and in light of the President's economic recovery program to preserve and create jobs, DOE recently announced an opportunity to expand accelerated cleanup efforts at Portsmouth through the investment of approximately \$150 to \$200 million additional dollars annually over the next four years. Through this initiative, the United States will be using excess Cold War-era material and creating 800-1000 new jobs, helping the nation meet our energy needs.

This Notice also is to advise all interested potential offerors that DOE intends to issue a draft amendment (in addition to the formal amendment identified above) to the Portsmouth GDP D&D Solicitation Number DE-RP30-09CC40017 for prospective offerors review and comment within the next 15 business days. It is anticipated that the draft amendment will increase the funding profile assumption to \$400 million dollars annually for the first three years of the period of performance. This would include a combination of appropriated funds and the transfer of \$150 million worth of natural uranium hexafluoride annually. It is also anticipated that the last two years of the base period and the five-year option period funding profile assumptions would remain at \$250 to \$325 million dollars annually. DOE's intent is to minimize major rework by prospective offerors on proposal development efforts to date. DOE requests that each prospective offeror concentrate on accelerating its technical approach schedule in light of the increased funding profile assumption.

DOE's intent is to issue an RFP amendment to include a Section H clause requiring the D&D contractor to conduct competitions for the sale or transfer of excess uranium assets to licensed uranium entities on a periodic basis. The expectation will be for the D&D contractor to prepare a post-award plan for the sale and transfer of the uranium asset, post-award, to describe the procedures to be utilized. This should preclude major rework by prospective offerors on proposal development efforts to date.

Once the draft amendment is issued, prospective offerors will have 10 business days to submit comments via e-mail to PortsmouthD&D@emcbc.doe.gov.